

Mayor's Commission for Children Commission Minutes

April 10<sup>th</sup> 2018 8 am

Springfield Chamber of Commerce

Members present: Christy Davis, , Shara Cash, Gerry Lee, Dr. Elizabeth Andrews

Members absent: Missy Riley, Jennifer McClure, Bria Coale, Linda Ramey-Greiwe, Susan Henderson

Advisory council present: Amy Chenoweth, Kimberly Shinn-Brown, Dr. Kayce Morton, Dr. Doug McNeal ,Dr. Jennifer Baker, Alexis Brown

Staff: Brigitte Marrs

Gerry Lee opened the meeting at 8:05. We did not have quorum from the Commission members to approve March minutes. They will be approved at May meeting along with April minutes.

Gerry thanked everyone who made the effort to attend the retreat and thought we accomplished a lot in 3 hours to set the pace for the next year or two. Morey will be back at our May meeting to go over the retreat summary and timeline for strategic plan. The mission and vision statements will be voted on at the May meeting. Gerry, Beth and Jennifer will be working on any revision from the retreat notes.

Our presentation was from Dr. Jennifer Baker, who started Good Dads as a community resource. Jennifer had a wonderful power point to the group on the mission and scope of the program. It continues to grow every year and there are wonderful business partners supporting Good Dads. All Pro dad's groups are in every elementary. The research tells us that fathers make important contributions to their children's well-being. Jennifer supplied the group with handouts on the program and upcoming events.

Next meeting will be May 8<sup>th</sup> at 8 am at the chamber. Morey will be there for discussion on strategic plan draft. Committees will be formed at this meeting.